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1. WE HAVE BASED OUR ASSESSMENT OF POSSIBLE ADVERSE US REACTION TO INDONESIAN MILITARY ACTION IN PORTUGUESE TIMOR ON ASSUMPTION SUCH ACTION WOULD APPEAR AS UNPROVOKED MILITARY INTERVENTION.

2. MY CONVERSATION WITH GENERAL YOGA (REF B) AND REPORTS OF GROWING CHAOS IN TIMOR SUGGEST POSSIBILITY THAT PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT OR ELEMENTS WITHIN TIMOR MIGHT EVENTUALLY ASK FOR INDONESIAN MILITARY INTERVENTION TO RESTORE ORDER.

3. WHILE WE UNDERSTAND HERE THAT CONGRESSIONAL REACTION CANNOT BE ACCURETELY PREDICTED, WOULD INDONESIAN RESPONSE UNDER SUCH CIRCUMSTANCES ALTER LEGAL SITUATION WITH RESPECT TO USE OF US MILITARY EQUIPMENT? IN VIEW RADIDLY DEVELOPING SITUATION BELIEVE URGENT ATTENTION SHOULD BE GIVEN THIS QUESTION. NEWSOM

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